



PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY: JUNE 1—JULY 31, 2023

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS FOR GRADES K-5 (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)



THE ABELLS WITH SILVER TROUT ARTS: Join us for singing and storytelling with the Abell Family!

BIG BANG BOOM! Get ready for a high-energy show of parent-friendly children's music!

BOOK BANDITS: Do you love to read? Do you enjoy talking about books? Join the Book Bandits to meet new friends and share recommendations! **For children grades 3-6.**

CAMP, COOK, PLAY: Each class will focus on how to live healthier lives, including a lesson with activities, a nutritious recipe, and physical activity. Classes are provided through the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program. **For grades K-12.**

CRAFT DAYS: Drop in for a day of crafting for all ages.

CRITTER KEEPER: Do you love spiders, snakes, and other creepy crawly creatures? Then you will love the Critter Keeper!

ECOEXPLORE PRESENTS HERPETOLOGY: Join us for an educational program with the North Carolina Arboretum to learn all about the many different Herptiles that call Western North Carolina their home! What's a Herptile you ask? Herptiles are reptiles and amphibians! Come ready to hear about the ecoEXPLORE program, find out what distinguishes Herptiles from other animals, where different Herptiles live, what they eat, how they breathe, plus much more!

FAMILY BOOK CLUB: This program is for families who love reading and talking about books. Selections are intended for families of children in grades K-5. This summer we will be reading *Your Pal Fred* by Michael Rex. Pick up your copy of the book at the Main Library Youth Services Desk starting June 20th and join us for a discussion about the book on July 18th!

GARDEN CLUB: Do you want to explore growing your own food? Do you love learning new things and having fun? If you answered yes to any of these questions, join Miss Maggie to plant and take care of our Sensory Garden! Watch our vegetables grow, learn some cool backyard biology facts, and celebrate your hard work with ingredients we grow and harvest. *All children must be accompanied by an adult.*

GRAVITY CHECK JUGGLING: Join us for a gravity-defying juggling show that is sure to entertain all ages!

***KIDS YOGA:** Explore movement, yoga postures, breath, and relaxation- with an emphasis on fun and feeling good! **For ages 5-12.**
REGISTRATION REQUIRED: CALL THE GREEN RIVER LIBRARY AT 828-697-4969 TO REGISTER.

LEGO CLUBS: Head to your nearest branch for an afternoon of Lego fun! Legos provided; please do not bring your own.

MARY DAVIS GAGE: Help us welcome one of our favorite storytellers as she shares some of her favorite tales of friendship!

***PAINTING THE PIGEON (WHO DID NOT DRIVE THE BUS):** We will read a few of our favorite Mo Willems books for inspiration and then create a painting of one of the characters using watercolors and oil pastels.
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***PAPER MARBLING FOR KIDS:** Learn to create swirls of color with alcohol inks and capture them on a sheet of paper. Each dip in the floating inks will produce a unique design! Use your marbled paper for cards, frames, or simply art to hang on the wall! Due to the use of alcohol ink, please ensure children are wearing clothes suitable to the program. **For Grades K-12.**
REGISTRATION REQUIRED: REGISTER VIA THE LIBRARY'S ONLINE CALENDAR- [HENDERSONPL.LIBCAL.COM](https://hendersonpl.libcal.com)

***PAWS FOR READING:** Children can sign up to read to a therapy dog at their nearest branch! Sessions are 15 minutes and children should have a book picked out prior to their appointment time. **See online calendar for schedule.**

PINT SIZE POLKAS: Join award winning musician Mike Schneider for singing and dancing to polka music, as well as some jokes and magic tricks.

PORKCHOP PRODUCTIONS: Join us for the always hilarious Porkchop Productions as they present the tale, "Imperfect Strangers: The Ant & the Grasshopper"!

PROFESSOR WHIZZPOP: FANTASTIC FRIENDS: Stop by for giggles galore, madcap magic, and plenty of books as Professor Whizzpop encourages magic lovers to read!

ROPER MOUNTAIN: SCIENCE MAGIC: Sometimes science demonstrations can seem like magic. The difference is, scientists love to explain how things work! Your educator will perform several demonstrations that may first seem like magic. Then with the help of volunteers and observations from the audience, we will figure out the science behind the trick, and learn what is really happening.

SING-ALONG: Love music? Singing, playing your instrument, or just listening? This group is for you! **For All Ages**

STORYTIMES: Join us at your local library for books, music, and more!

Branch Storytime: *families welcome* Preschool Storytime: *3-5years* Toddler Storytime: *18 months-3 years*
Discovery Storytime: *families welcome* Bouncing Babies: *birth-18 months + caregiver*

TAKE A HIKE!: Join us for a special story about hiking. Then stick around to make your own hiking journal and trail mix! A special guest will also share their hiking experiences. ***Trail mix may contain allergens.***

TALEWISE- SCIENCE HEROES: SAVING EARTH TOGETHER: Science and stories collide in this brand new interactive STEM program! Two unlikely heroes must learn to WORK TOGETHER to stop a super polluting mastermind! Throughout the story, you'll help the performer conduct amazing science experiments all about air pressure, the laws of motion, and more!



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***THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!:** Join us to craft heartfelt cards thanking our local Veterans for their service! All cards will be distributed to Veterans at the VA Hospital in Asheville, NC. **For grades K-12.**

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UNIVERSAL YUMS: Learn about other countries and try their snacks and candies. Taste the delicious, unique, and often difficult to find snacks. Once we've sampled each snack, we'll come together and pick our favorite, least favorite, and the weirdest of the bunch. **For Kids ages 4+, Teens, & Adults.**

***ZANIAC: CODING WITH DASHBOTS:** Students will learn the simple drag and crop coding language, Blockly, to program the Dashbot robot around a course. Blockly is an intuitive and visual way to learn how to code. No experience needed.

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***ZANIAC: CRAZY CHEMISTRY II— CHEMICAL REACTIONS ON YOUR TONGUE!:** Students will learn that chemicals react to each other. When acids and bases are mixed, a chemical reaction usually follows. This time, it's a fizzy sensation on your tongue! Students will make their own fun dip and understand that all liquids have an ionic makeup that decides whether they are an acid or a base. The students get to take their fun dip home with them!

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***ZANIAC: EARTH SCIENCE & ENGINEERING:** Students learn about earthquakes using graham crackers and cool whip to show the movement of tectonic plates. Next they design and build a tower to withstand a simulated earthquake using dry spaghetti and marshmallows. Whose tower is left standing?

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***ZANIAC: IS OOBLECK A LIQUID OR A SOLID?:** In this workshop, students will have the opportunity to use the scientific method to investigate Non-Newtonian fluids. Non-Newtonian fluids may act as a solid or liquid depending on the force applied to them. Therefore, students are able to experiment with different states of matter and classify the matter as a solid or a liquid based on its physical properties.

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***ZANIAC: IT'S ELECTRIC!:** Ever wondered why you get a shock putting on a sweater or getting out of the car? In this workshop, students will conduct experiments involving static electricity and make a human electrical circuit! Can you complete an electric circuit to light up a bulb?

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TEEN PROGRAMS FOR GRADES 6-12 (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

ADULTING 101: 10 ESSENTIALS FOR HIKING WITH CHIMNEY ROCK: Join a Park Ranger as we rummage through our gear to determine the top ten essentials of what to pack when we prepare to venture into the great outdoors! **For Teens & Adults.**

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: Interested in learning more about D&D and trying your hand at a campaign? Stop by as we learn how to create our own characters and learn the basics of this classic fantasy RPG.

***FAUX STAINED GLASS PAINTING:** We'll use paint, glue, and a glass picture frame to make a unique piece of art.

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***PAINT YOUR OWN TOTE BAG:** Join us as we paint our own unique designs on sturdy canvas bags!

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***PAINTING PLACES: REAL OR IMAGINED:** In this workshop we will explore painting with brushes, as well as some other tools! Ever used a fork to make acrylic paint look like water or grass? Each artist will create a world of their own on canvas to take home.

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***PROGRESSIVE PAINTING:** This is an acrylic painting class where everyone works together to create a one of a kind piece of art for each individual to take home. Beginners and experienced artists are welcome. **For ages 11+.**

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***TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB):** Want to make a difference in teen programming at the library? Want to earn volunteer hours and meet new people? Join TAB! **For grades 9-12 PICK UP AN APPLICATION OR DOWNLOAD IT FROM OUR WEBSITE.**

TEEN ANIME CLUB: Share in the love of Japanese animation and comics! Come join your fellow Otaku and enjoy anime watching, manga discussions, games, creating, and more!

TEEN BOOK CLUB: Teen Book Club is for anyone in **grades 9-12** who loves reading and talking about books. Pick up your copy of *Rayne & Delilah's Midnight Matinee* by Jeff Zentner at the Main Library Youth Services Desk starting June 15th and join us for a discussion on July 20th.

***TEEN CRAFT TIME— MINI-ANIMAL SCULPTURES:** Join us as we learn how to make mini-animal sculptures with clay!

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TEEN CRAFT TIME— ROTATING ART: Back by popular demand... Join us for a series of art projects that everyone is working on together! Art will be displayed in the Teen Space following this program.

TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB: Are you a teen in middle school or high school? Interested in creative writing, storytelling, connecting with other teen writers, and getting feedback on your work? Our Creative Writing Club meets on the first Tuesday each month. For questions, contact Caitlin at clindsey@hendersoncountync.gov.

TEEN GAME NIGHT: Let's play some games! Attendees are encouraged to bring their own favorite board and card games.